

LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item Summary

MEETING DATE: **November 26, 2002, Work Session**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT:

REGULAR: **X**

CLOSED SESSION:

(Confidential)

ACTION: **X**

INFORMATION:

ITEM TITLE: **Expressway Bridge Flag Signs**

RECOMMENDATION: If desired, direct staff to install 18 metal panel American Flag signs on ten City bridges along the Lynchburg Expressway, from the Main Street Bridge to the Wiggington Road Bridge.

SUMMARY:

The Police Foundation board and the McBride Sign Company have requested that the City install metal panel American Flag signs on all City owned overpasses on the Lynchburg Expressway. McBride Sign, with donations from private individuals and companies, will provide eighteen 24" x 40" painted metal flag sign panels.

We will probably not be able to put anything on the five railroad bridges or the Candler's Mountain Road Bridge which belongs to VDOT.

City staff would install the panels on the ten City structures (Main Street NB/SB, Grace Street NB/SB, Kemper Street NB/SB, Campbell Ave. NB, Odd Fellows Road NB/SB, Wards Road NB/SB, Rt 29 SB under R 501SB, Timberlake Road NB/SB, Graves Mill Road NB/SB and Wiggington Road NB/SB). See the attached map. It is estimated that the panel flags will last from three to five years before they become faded and worn. At that time the City would remove them and not replace them unless additional contributors were found.

City staff has discussed this proposal with Tom Gerdy and Laurence Bryant and all are in agreement with locations, size and number of panels.

PRIOR ACTION (S):

October 29, 2002 – Presentation to Council by Laurence Bryant of McBride Signs

FISCAL IMPACT:

The expected cost for installation of the flag panels is \$80 each or \$1,440 total. The installation costs could be funded from the Streets Division operating budget. The costs will not be eligible for reimbursement from VDOT Maintenance funds.

CONTACT (S):

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ATTACHMENT (S):

- ? Vicinity/Location Map
- ? October 18, 2002 Proposal from Tom Gerdy

REVIEWED BY: lkp

October 18, 2002

Lynchburg City Council

Re: Expressway Flag Project

The Police Foundation board has been discussing a plan that would be a small expression of patriotism and a unified community. Several members indicated that they had seen some communities that had flags on every overpass in their area. As you drive through those towns, it gives you a good feeling about a town that is proud to display our flag. It is our plan to show the same American spirit in Lynchburg.

McBride Sign Company has agreed to paint flags on metal for \$95.00 per flag. We believe the flags painted on metal would be the most durable and maintenance free method to display our colors. The total number of flags would be around 25 or 30 depending on whether we use railroad bridges as well as roadways. The flags would be about 3'x 5' depending on the location.

We hope to make this effort a public/private partnership. One possible way to make that happen is to get members of the community to donate the cost of the flags and have the city maintenance sign department install them.

Laurence Bryant of McBride Sign will make a formal presentation to council at the October 29 meeting.

Tom Gerdy



cc: B. Mc Nabb